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El Paso shooting at Walmart leaves multiple fatalities

Police say one person in custody after shooting at mall

Local TV reports 18 people hurt but extent of injuries unknown

Militant ~~Beckett~~ ~~and~~ ~~hundreds~~ killed in a shooting at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas, according to local law enforcement and the city's mayor.

One person was in custody, a police department spokesman said in a televised briefing.

"It's an absolutely tragedy," El Paso's mayor, Dee Margo, told KTSM, a local television station.

El Paso police tweeted on Saturday that officers were responding to an active shooting scene and that people were advised to stay away from the Cielo Vista Mall area.

Local television station KTSM reported earlier that 18 people were shot or injured inside a Walmart at the mall, but the full extent of the injuries and deaths is still unknown.

El Paso police tweeted that there were "reports of multiple shooters" and that police were conducting a "search of a very large area," but further details were not immediately available. Early witness reports of multiple shooters are sometimes inaccurate.

The Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Beto O'Rourke, who previously represented El Paso in Congress, tweeted that the news was "truly heartbreaking", and asked residents to follow the directions of emergency personnel.

Reports of the shooting in El Paso comes less than a week after a shooting at a garlic festival in Gilroy, California, left three people dead and fifteen injured.

Law enforcement authorities said a 19-year-old who had previously lived in town cut his way through a fence to get inside the festival, then opened fire with a military-style rifle.

Two Walmart employees were killed in a shooting at a Walmart in Mississippi last week.

More details soon ...

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